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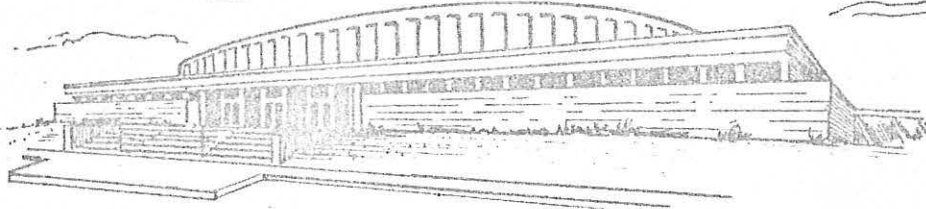
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March 19, 1971

Mr. Bill Goodpasture
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Dear Bill:

I was pleased to get your letter of March 10 and to know how things were going with the East End congregation. It sounds like your preaching is being well received. I do appreciate hearing that and am thankful to God for the way He is blessing your ministry there. The lines now being drawn are sad. I have given up trying to "help the brotherhood." I am simply responding to God's call wherever He happens to have me at the moment, without trying to see all the brotherhood implications. I think this may be one of the greatest things the devil has done to us -- taking our eyes off Jesus and putting them on the brotherhood. Keep up the preaching you are doing. As long as you believe what you're preaching is God's word you have nothing to fear, even if the worst results come.

I know of no one doing a greater work than Wesley Jones. I am praying that God is going to richly bless his work in Indonesia. I know you are glad to have a part in it through the congregation there.

I send your lovely family my love and best wishes. We are blessed by having known you and yours.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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March 10, 1971

Dear John,

I knew your preaching had caused some rumbles but what did you say to cause the conditions described in this picture? I notice that "Midnight" again seems to be your hang-up.

We continue to trudge along here through the deep Michigan snow. We presently look forward to an Easter vacation in the southland. I told my brother about your comments on Hillsboro. He received a big laugh.

I have seen a small ray of hope here at East End. My preaching on the indwelling Spirit outside the Word hasn't stirred too much opposition. My most conservative and radical elder said he didn't agree but would tolerate my thinking. He mentioned that a few years ago he would have jumped up and corrected my sermon. The liberal, conservative lines continue to draw tighter in this area after the FHC lectures. Poor Doug and Landon were crucified in the Forum. Northwest congregation where Eddie Dunn formerly preached had an outbreak of tongues and the elders were and are under great pressure by threats from elders and preachers of cutting off money to the Romeo Rest Home which they supervise.

I continue to plunge forward. If fired, so what! I unequivocally called the present day Church of Christ a denomination recently and received much commendation from elders and members alike. Shall I dare venture any further?

East End recently contributed \$800 dollar to the Herald of Truth cash crisis in this area. We just moved to Channel 19 at 9:30 a.m. We are helping Ian Cuthbertson of Barrie and hope to help Wesley right away. We are presently supporting an Arabian preacher in the Flint School of Preaching. He speaks four languages. He will either return to his homeland or work with the 180,000 Arabs in the Detroit area.

I must go for now. I hope you well in the Lord.

Bill Goodpasture